

April 3, 2020

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Stephen Censky
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Perdue and Deputy Secretary Censky:

Thank you for your consideration of our industry letter submitted to you on Monday, March 30 with over 70 produce organizations, and our subsequent discussions with your COVID-19 USDA implementation team. Based on these discussions and the work of produce association colleagues throughout the country, we would like to provide you with additional details regarding our proposal to address the current COVID-19 emergency situation impacted our members.

This proposal builds from Monday's recommendations and provides a streamlined and efficient program that will address the broad impact COVID-19 has had on the entire fruit and vegetable supply chain. To further discuss this proposal, we request a meeting with Deputy Secretary Censky and other appropriate USDA officials to answer any questions you or your team may have.

We sincerely thank you for your efforts on behalf of American agriculture, especially during this difficult time. We stand ready to work with you during this crisis to ensure that we are stronger on the other side and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



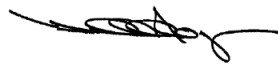
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Attachment: Produce Industry Market Stabilization Program